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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REF: (A) STATE 189623 (B) NDJAMENA 4834 (NOTAL)
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1. PRESIDENT CARTER SIGNED SEPTEMBER 1 DETERMINATION MAKING CHAD ELIGIBLE FOR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES. THIS ACTION ALSO HAS THE EFFECT OF ENABLING USG TO APPROVE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS TO CHAD OF US ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES WHICH WE WOULD BE WILLING TO TRANSFER DIRECTLY TO CHAD.

2. FOR NDJAMENA: YOU SHOULD INFORM VP DJIME OF ABOVE AND INDICATE TO HIM THAT USG IS PREPARED TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTS FROM CHAD FOR DIRECT SALES AND ALSO TO REQUESTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES FOR USG CONSENT TO TRANSFERS TO CHAD. PRESUMABLY, HE WILL NOW WISH TO INSTRUCT CHADIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROACH

FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WITH SPECIFIC, ITEMIZED REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER OF US EQUIPMENT, OR FUNDS TO PURCHASE SAME UNDER FMS PROGRAM.

3. THE USG WILL NOT RPT NOT APPROVE THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF FIGHTER/BOMBERS, HELICOPTERS OR LIGHT TANKS, ALL OF WHICH WERE ON THE ORIGINAL GOC SHOPPING LIST (REF D). WE STRONGLY PREFER THAT THE CHADIAN ARMY CONCENTRATE ON ACQUIRING NON-LETHAL U.S. EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TRUCKS AND JEEPS TO IMPROVE ITS MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT CAPABILITY. ALL REQUESTS FOR U.S. SALES OR CONSENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED U.S. ARMS TRANSFER POLICY AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING STATUTORY PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSENT TO THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS OF ITEMS USG ITSELF NOT WILLING TO SELL. FYI: TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND DELIVERY TIME FOR FMS SALE OF AIRCRAFT, IF THEY WERE AVAILABLE, WOULD BE 30 TO 40 MONTHS. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO APPROVE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS (OR SALES) OF SMALL ARMS, BUT NOT RPT NOT MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEMS. END FYI.

4. SPECIFICITY OF CHADIAN REQUESTS AND COORDINATION OF APPROACHES, AS MENTIONED REF A, SHOULD GREATLY ENHANCE TIMELY DONOR RESPONSES. (YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO IMPLEMENT INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT WITH FRENCH (REF B) TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE.) IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE GOC CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT CHAD HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINDING THIRD COUNTRY SOURCES FOR TRANSFERS, AND/OR FUNDING FOR FMS PURCHASES. THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION SOLELY ESTABLISHES ELIGIBILITY AND DOES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE ANY U.S. FUNDING.

5. FOR CAIRO: YOU SHOULD TAKE AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO INFORM PRESIDENT SADAT THAT PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION HAS BEEN SIGNED, THAT U.S. WILL BE ENCOURAGING OTHER DONORS TO ASSIST CHAD THROUGH TRANSFERS OF EQUIPMENT, AND THAT U.S. WILL BE GIVING SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES FOR CONSENT TO TRANSFER TO CHAD U.S. ORIGIN ITEMS OF NATURE DESCRIBED PARA 3.

6. FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES: YOU SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION MAKING CHAD ELIGIBLE FOR FMS, AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS THEY MIGHT RECEIVE FROM CHAD. IN CASE OF REQUESTS FOR THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS FOR U.S. ORIGIN
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ITEMS, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT USG CONSENT IS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY TRANSFER IS MADE, THAT REQUEST FOR SUCH CONSENT MUST BE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, AND THAT UNTIL USG RECEIVES FORMAL REQUEST IT CANNOT INITIATE 30-DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD TO US CONGRESS REQUIRED BY

U.S. LAW BEFORE CONSENT TO TRANSFER TO CHAD CAN BE GIVEN. ANY SUCH FORMAL REQUESTS TO TRANSFER EQUIPMENT, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE MADE ASAP. ASSURANCES FROM CHAD THAT U.S. EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT BE RETRANSFERRED WITHOUT PRIOR USG APPROVAL ALSO WOULD BE REQUIRED. TEXT FOR SUCH ASSURANCES WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL.

7. REPLY TO LTR FROM PRESIDENT MALLOUM (REF C) BEING SENT SEPTEL.

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